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Ah,
It's Mount Genam
Ilegenes...
A country internationally known due to a certain genetic engineering research project.
But behind the scenes, it is a breeding ground for massive cloning,
Reaping major profits from selling clones illegally in the black market.
It has also monopolized the technology for genetically modified crops.
As a result, the people have nicknamed Ilegenes...
*Sodom and Gomorrah were two cities destroyed by God in The Bible (Genesis). In Christianity and Islam, their names have become synonymous with unrepentant sin and sexual deviation, and their fall, with a powerful manifestation of God's wrath.

Betraying God's Will, The Genetic Sodom.*

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第1話
Chapter 1

ILEGENES
THE ISLAND OF BIRTH PROTECTED BY THE GODDESS
tap
tap
...I'M FINALLY HOME

Congratulations on your acceptance
Gentlemen
I hope everyone studies hard during your time here at the Illegenes Military Academy
chatter chatter chatter
As a soldier train hard for your goals and contribute to the country
yawn
Become a supporting pillar in the future
AH, HOW BORING

IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THE MILITARY IS JUST A DECORATION ON THIS ISLAND.
ONLY PEOPLE WHO CAN'T WORK IN GENETIC ENGINEERING JOIN THE MILITARY, ANYWAY.
GEEZ.
THIS IS THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY FOR A MILITARY SCHOOL?
OF COURSE NOT. DON'T PUT ME ON YOUR LEVEL.
SO THAT APPLIES TO YOU TOO, HUH?
Irritated
Ah ha ha ha
AND THE WEAPONS ARE EVEN WORSE THEY'RE NOT JUST OLD THEY'RE PRACTICALLY ANTIQUES
.....
THOSE WHO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION GATHER AND THIS IS WHAT BECOMES OF THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY
AH ... I see
AND THE TEACHERS ARE ALL OLD MEN, TOO ...
THEY'RE VETERANS
THOSE OLD GEEZERS WON'T BE ABLE TO TRAIN ANY DECENT SOLDIERS

WHY WOULD ANYONE FIGHT WITH THEIR LIFE ON THE LINE FOR THIS NOTORIOUS ISLAND?
ON THE CONTRARY
I'M SURE THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE WHO HATE THIS ISLAND
WELL, I GUESS NO ONE REALLY WANTS TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES EITHER, HUH?
ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING AND WE'LL GET MONEY. IT'S AN EASY TRANSACTION
Next, a speech from the representative for the new students.
New students, please rise.
stand
stand
stand

chatter
chatter
EVERY-ONE ELSE IS EITHER FROM A RICH FAMILY OR AN OFFICIAL'S CHILD
THEY CAME HERE TO EASILY GAIN A NOTABLE POSITION IN SOCIETY
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE RICH PLATING RIGHT? THEY'RE REALLY ARROGANT
EXACTLY
?
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T CARE WHO THEY ARE
WHEN THEY CAME IN, THEY PUSHED ME AROUND AND DIDN'T EVEN APOLOGIZE
Grrr!
glance
Hm?

Silence
Our country Regeres
Is an island governed by birth and protected by the goddess of legend

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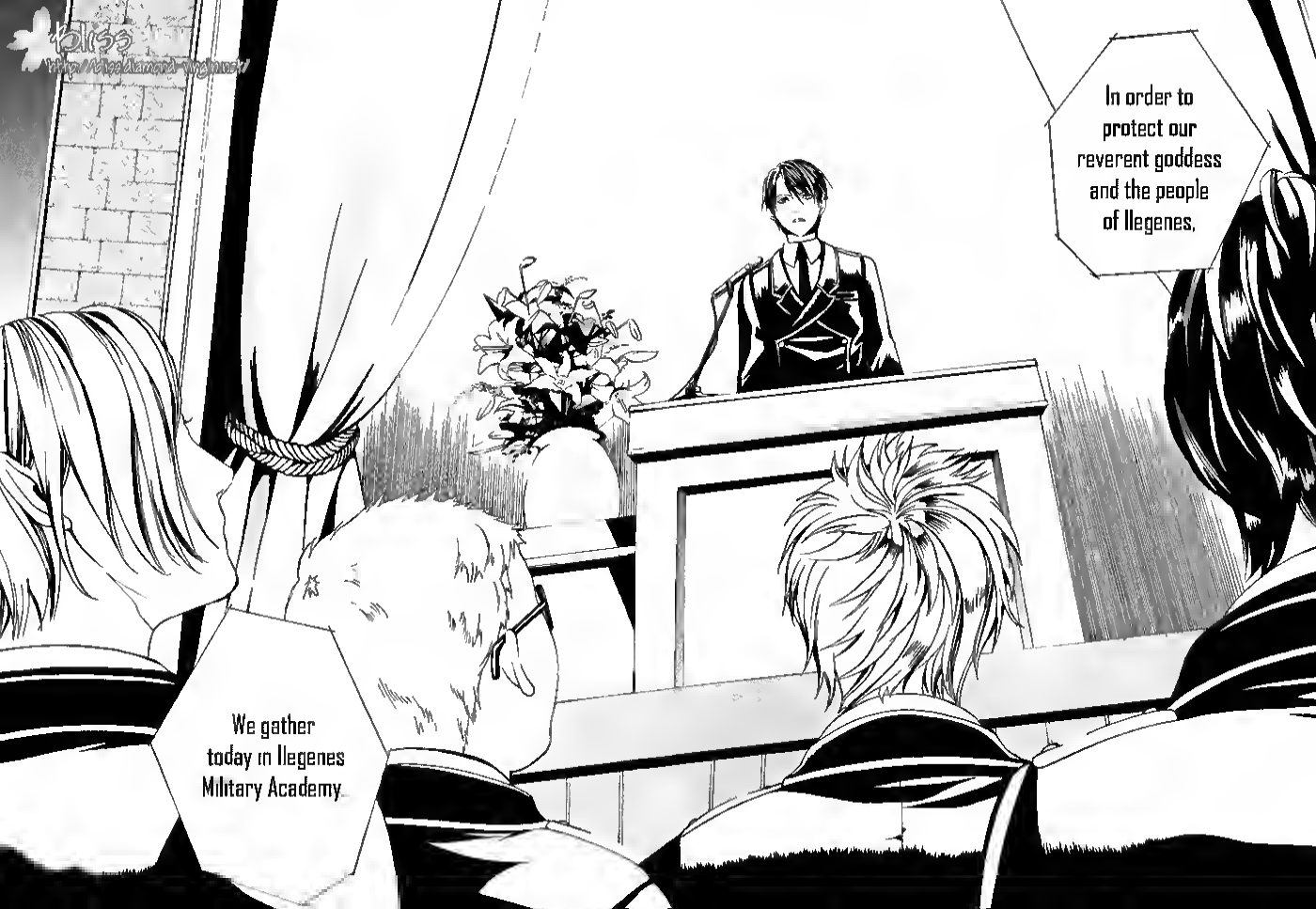


WHO IS HE...?
That is all from the student representative
FON FORTINBRAS
LITTENBER

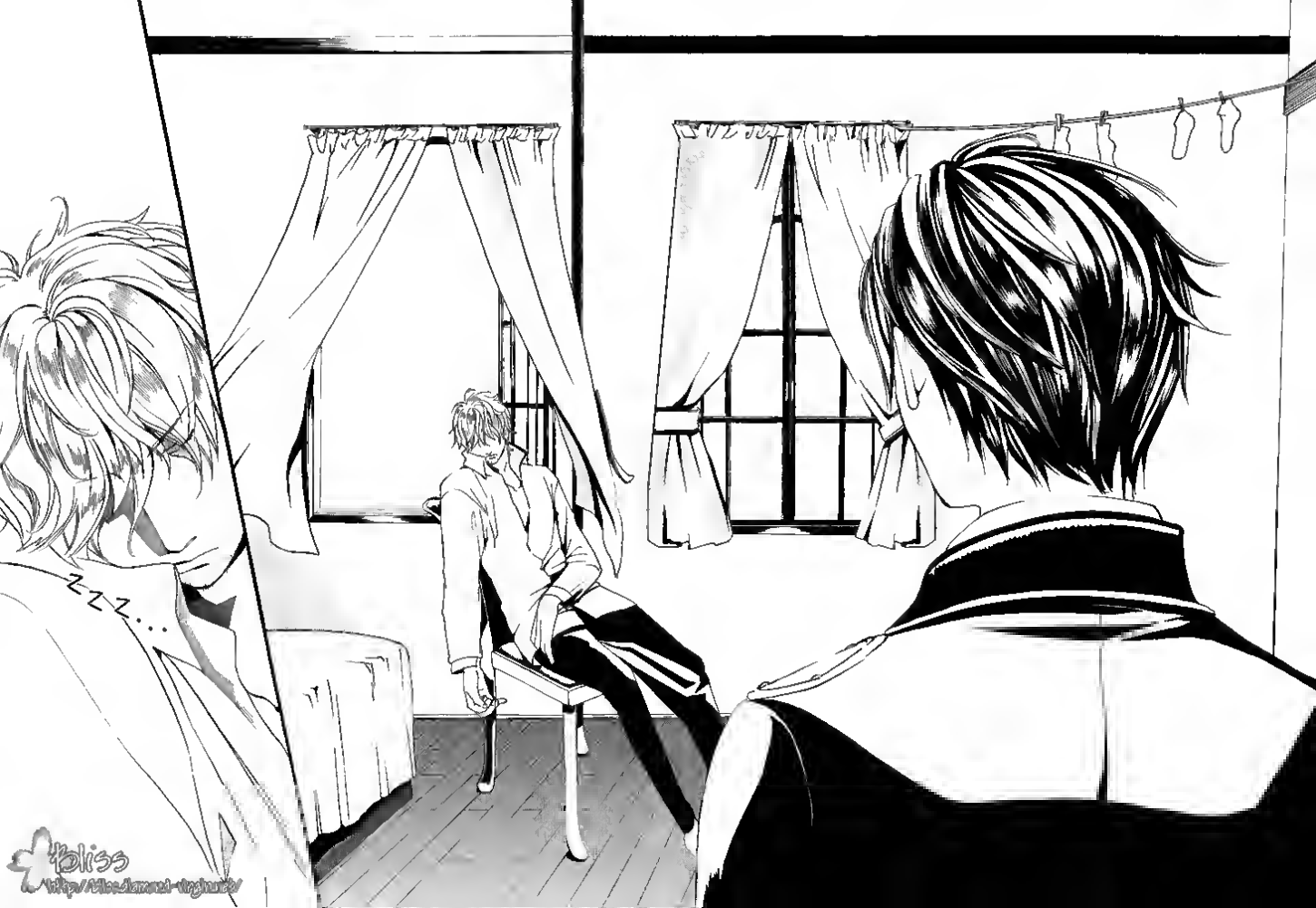
HEY, ISN'T DR. LITTENBER THAT GUY IN GENETIC ENGINEERING
YEAH, HE'S AN EXPERT IN BRAIN RESEARCH
YOU KNOW THE GENETIC SODOM S...
I HEARD HE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL AFTER SKIPPING TWO GRADES
HE COULDN'T HAVE...
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THE DOCTOR ALREADY...
whisper
LOOK IT'S HIM
whisper
IS THAT HIM?
THE ONE YOU MENTIONED BEFORE?
YOU'RE RIGHT
LITTENBER'S SON

shift
WOULD A YOUNG MASTER LIKE THAT REALLY BE IN THE REGULAR ELFENBEIN CLASS?
THIS VOICE
THEY'RE ALL JUST BIASED
YOUR SPEECH WAS REALLY SOMETHING!
I DIDN'T THINK THERE'D BE SOMEONE SO TALENTED HERE IN THIS THIRD-RATE SCHOOL
NEVER MIND THAT I FINALLY FOUND YOU, BLACK HAIR-KUN!
?
grab
I'M CRUDUP! I SAT BEHIND YOU DURING THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY
BE-HIND
AH THE REALLY NOISY ONE
YOU REALLY STAND OUT HUH?
ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE DORM NOW? THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER...
THAT'S ENOUGH, CRUDUP.

WHO CAME HERE AFTER SKIPPING TWO GRADES
THERE WAS A BIG FUSS EARLIER ABOUT A RARE NEW STUDENT...
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU, LITTENBER-KUN
OH, NICOLAS...
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT YOU'RE TROUBLING HIM?
.....
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?
EVEN IF YOU ARE THE SON OF DR. LITTENBER,
I DON'T PLAN ON LOSING TO YOU.
HEY, NICOLAS...
I'M NICOLAS NICOLAS RODEN

Student Dorm tory
LET WHAT BOTHER ME?
DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU, FON
I DON'T THINK NICOLAS IS A BAD GUY
HE JUST SEEMS TO BE REALLY BOTHERED BY YOU
IT'S FINE
I'D PREFER TO KEEP MY DISTANCE AS WELL
OH.
HOW STRANGE
THAT GUY WAS IN A DAZE WHEN YOU CAME DOWN FROM THE STAGE
I'LL BE HEADING OVER THERE NOW SEE YOU LATER
I'M ON THE EAST SIDE I'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS MY ROOM-MATE ISN'T A PLATIN
YOUR ROOM IS IN THE WEST BUILD-ING?
THAT'S HERE THEN
ALL RIGHT
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHO IT IS
WHAT ABOUT YOU, CRUDUP?

I hope my roommate isn't some weird guy.
creak
click
Room W-9
...IS THIS IT?
W-09
whoosh
Flowers...?
find dirty shoes
xoxo


Zzzz...

He's my roommate...?
.....
This smell is from his shampoo...
sniff
Ah...
snap
mm

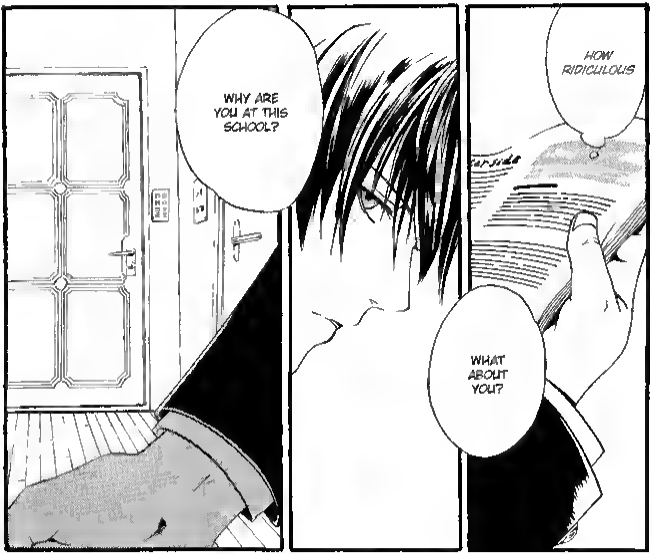
EH?
AH!
Snap
clack
SORRY, YOU WERE SLEEPING SO SOUNDLY THAT I...
CRAP
HUH?
HAVE I OVERSLEPT?
ARE YOU...
WAIT... WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? —OH, I DID OVER-SLEEP, HUH?
Why are you staring me...?
MY ROOMMATE?

I'M JAQUES BERNE
THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY IS OVER ALREADY?
YOU DIDN'T GO?
THE SHIP I WAS ON JUST CAME INTO PORT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO ARRIVE YESTERDAY,
BUT IT STOPPED FOR THREE WHOLE DAYS THANKS TO A STORM
WHERE'S YOUR UNIFORM?
MY SISTER SENT IT FROM HOME YESTERDAY I JUST GOT IT
THEN THIS BAG
MEANS I JUST CAME BACK FROM VACATION
I'm not sure if I should think of him as carefree or just sketchy...
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS

THE COLOR OF YOUR EYES IS REALLY PRETTY.
stand
HM.
SAY,
ARE'NT THESE PEACOCK EYES?
Who is this man...?
LET GO!
EYES THE COLOR OF PEACOCK FEATHERS THIS IS MY FIRST TIME SEEING THEM.
PEACOCK EYES LIKE THESE CAN'T EVEN BE MADE BY THE TOP ENGINEERS ON THIS ISLAND
I DIDN'T THINK THEY ACTUALLY EXISTED!
LET GO ALREADY!

SURE
click
CAN I USE THE BATHROOM?
shut
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
FON FORTINBRAS LITTENBER
FON. HUH? YOU CAN CALL ME JAKE
OH... YOU SKIPPED GRADES? MUST BE REAL SMART THEN
I'M 17
YOU LOOK REALLY YOUNG ARE YOU REALLY 19?
YOU'RE 5 YEARS OLDER THAN ME?
YEAH
flip
A news magazine from outside the island...?
THEN YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME BY 5 YEARS

AFTER I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, I SPENT THREE YEARS WANDERING AROUND IN PLACES OUTSIDE THE ISLAND
shave
MY PARENTS TOLD ME TO COME BACK AND SETTLE DOWN WITH A SERIOUS JOB
SO FOR THE TIME BEING I ENTERED MILITARY SCHOOL SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO SPEND MONEY


HOW RIDICULOUS
WHY ARE YOU AT THIS SCHOOL?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Dad...
Mom...
NOT MANY PEOPLE SKIP GRADES TO COME TO A MILITARY SCHOOL
.....
Click
Place
ALRIGHT
ALL DONE
Push

.....
UNIFORMS REALLY ARE KIND OF STIFF...
Right?
.....
HM?

WE STAND OUT TOO MUCH.
STAND OUT?
WAIT UP, FON! YOUR NEXT CLASS IS WITH INSTRUCTOR ZUNO, ISN'T IT?
I KNOW.
AH
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHY IS EVERYONE STARING AT YOU?
WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?
BECAUSE WE'RE CLASSMATES AND ROOMMATES. WHAT'S WRONG WITH BEING TOGETHER?
tap
tap
tap
tap
tap
!
PROBABLY BECAUSE OF MY FATHER.
MICHAEL LITTNER...
MY ADOPTIVE FATHER

EH?
MICHAEL LITTENBER IS.
!
FOUNDER OF THE GENETIC SODOM.
Don't talk as if you know everything.

What's with those eyes...?
I'll kill you.
!
SORRY.

push
Don't bother.
tap
tap
tap

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE...?
The Genetic Sodom...
Black market...

Dad...
Mom...
I want to become stronger...!

I'll become stronger at the military school, and then...
I will destroy the black market.
.....

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To our founder and little dictator, Kinky.
Happy Birthday!

"I'll kill you."
After saying all that to his face,
I thought he wouldn't talk to me again.
"Don't bother."
At least... I didn't think there'd be someone stupid enough to still approach me after that.
.....
And yet, here he is.
Stare
HM?
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME?

第2話
Chapter 2

WHY I'M STARING AT YOU?
IT'S BECAUSE YOUR EYES ARE JUST THAT BEAUTIFUL
RIGHT?
What is this guy saying..?
blush
YOU KNOW...
WHAT?
twist
WHY DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS?
pause

IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU KEEP HANGING AROUND ME OF COURSE NO ONE WILL APPROACH US
SO IT'S MY FAULT?
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR ME ANYWAY
I'M USED TO IT SO I DON'T REALLY CARE
AFTER ALL, I DID SKIP GRADES
YOU'RE WRONG.
THE FAULT LIES WITH YOU, DOESN'T IT?
IF YOU KEEP LOOKING SO HIGH AND MIGHTY, WHO WOULD WANT TO TALK TO YOU?
ARE YOU SAYING I SHOULD BUTTER PEOPLE UP? QUIT JOKING
twist
twist
twist
twist
twist
.....
OH?

OR IS IT THAT...
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS?
angry
!!!
slang
He sure is easy to read
HM. BULL'S EYE
I SEE, I SEE. THEN LET ME TEACH YOU!
JUST SMILE WHEN YOU TALK, AND APPROACH PEOPLE YOURSELF
HEY!
いけも

chatter chatter
Would you guys like to join us?
Smiling Brightly
ha ha ha
shock
...What!?
Ah...
What's going on
LIKE I SAID, IT'S THAT EXPRESSION OF YOURS.
S-Stop it, Jake!
That's just like announcing that I don't have any friends!
COME ON, SMILE.
Smile, smile.
squish

.....
HAHA, YOUR CHEEKS STRETCH PRETTY FAR!
Let go...!
!
Hey,
Fon!

stare
LOOKING FOR ME?
YEAH THE INSTRUCTOR WANTS TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT A REPORT OR SOMETHING
YOU SHOULD GO SEE HIM AFTER YOU FINISH EATING
?
smile
YOU GUYS REALLY STAND OUT.
AT LEAST IT SAVES US THE TROUBLE OF LOOKING FOR YOU
Was there something wrong with the report I submitted this morning?
I UNDERSTAND I'LL GO IMMEDIATELY
rustle
snap
PILLS?
HM?

No...
This morning, I definitely...
I'LL JUST ASSUME YOU MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAND IT IN
AS I SAID, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T SUBMITTED THE REPORT YET
WELL, YOU'RE SMART YOU MUST'VE WRITTEN IT ALREADY, RIGHT?
Ha ha
WELL, IT'S FINE JUST DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN
Creak
EXCUSE ME
I'M REALLY SORRY I'LL SUBMIT IT BY THE END OF TODAY
HM, YOU DIDN'T HAND IN YOUR REPORT?
.....

How embarrassing,
Platins...
Mr. Oh-so-talented Fortinbras
Heh

.....
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU WERE... BUT I GUESS YOU'RE STILL JUST A CHILD.
SEEING AS HOW YOU'RE THE SON OF PROFESSOR LITTENBER, FOUNDER OF ILEGENES,
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU CAN'T EVEN HAND IN A REPORT ON TIME
I see how it is.
THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU'RE MORE OF A CHILD THAN I AM
WHAT!?
YOU'VE BEEN SNEAKING AROUND ME LATELY. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DON'T LET IT GET TO YOUR HEAD JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE A BIT SMART
THAT LACKING SPEECH OF YOURS DURING THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY MADE US LOSE FACE
THAT'S RIGHT! THE PREVIOUS CLASS REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALL PLATINS!
THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE WAS CHOSEN BASED ON RESULTS FROM THE ENTRANCE EXAM.
THAT IS TO SAY, THE TOP SCORER THIS YEAR WASN'T A PLATIN
Ugh
I HAVE TO WRITE UP A NEW REPORT BY THE END OF TODAY
SORRY, BUT I CAN'T STAY AND CHAT.

LITTENBER IS AN AUTHORITY IN GENETIC ENGINEERING, PARTICULARLY IN BRAIN RESEARCH.
DID YOUR MAGNIFICENT FATHER...
I HEARD THAT YOUR GRADES ROSE SHARPLY AFTER ENTERING THIS SCHOOL,
LITTENBER...
.....

clench
This guy...
shock
Modify your brain, too?
WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE?
YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT I'M ANDREW KRISTOFFERSON, RIGHT?
shift

grab
Yo, Fon!
What a coincidence!
What!?
HEY!
HE—
?w!!
Huh?
I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BUT SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING
I'LL BE BORROWING FON!
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM...!?
SEE YA!

YOU AND NICOLAS ARE ALREADY SUCH GOOD FRIENDS THAT YOU CAN GO TO HIS ROOM?
W-WAIT, JAKE!
I'M GOING TO NICOLAS'S ROOM.
Cruella is coming, too.
!?
rub
YOU SHOULDN'T...
CAUSE TOO MUCH TROUBLE.
.....
glance

Andrew Kristof-ferson?
Why did that guy set his eyes on you?
SAY SOMETHING, NICOLAS.
WELL...
shock
I THINK I'VE HEARD ABOUT HIM SOME-WHERE...
IS HE FAMOUS?
?
YOU GUYS...
ANDREW
IS THE SON OF THE COUNTRY'S CURRENT PRIME MINISTER, EDGAR KRISTOFFERSON

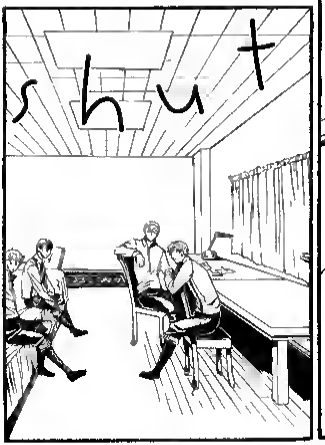
HE MAY HAVE PASSED THE ENTRANCE EXAM, BUT HE'S GOT A REALLY BAD ATTITUDE.
I STUDIED LONG AND HARD FOR THAT EXAM.
That kind of person is the prime minister's son?
HM... I'VE HEARD THAT THE PLATINS ARE CHILDREN OF POLITICIANS OR OFFICIALS.
THE GUYS WHO FOLLOW ANDREW AROUND ARE ALSO LIKE THAT
THE BALD ONE IS PHILLIP WOHLEN, THE SON OF A MILITARY GENERAL
THE MOPHEAD IS HUEY EVANS, THE SON OF A DIET MEMBER
AND...
.....
HOW RARE FOR YOU TO BE SO VAGUE ABOUT SOMETHING.
JANIS SEEMS TO COME FROM A WELL-OFF FAMILY AS WELL.

TO TELL THE TRUTH...
I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM.
HEY NICOLAS, WASN'T JANIS YOUR...
CORRECT.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'M ONLY SPECULATING...
THAT HE'S FROM A POWERFUL FAMILY
HM JANIS?

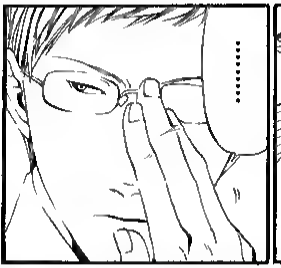
click
!
OH, NICOLAS PRETTY LIVELY TODAY, ISN'T IT?
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO INVITE...

FRIENDS OVER TO YOUR ROOM.
!
YOU'RE THAT PERSON FROM BEFORE...
AH...
.....

Smile !
OH, IT'S YOU!
.....
DON'T MIND ME. I'M JUST HERE TO BORROW ANOTHER BOOK.
.....
NICOLAS CAN I BORROW THIS?
He seems easygoing
THIS GUY'S PRETTY UNIQUE
HEY... DOES THAT GUY REALLY THINK FON IS AN EYE-SORE?
HM. I'M NOT REALLY SURE
IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT, AT LEAST!


shut

WELL THEN, I'M GOING TO THE LOUNGE SEE YOU LATER
DO TAKE YOUR TIME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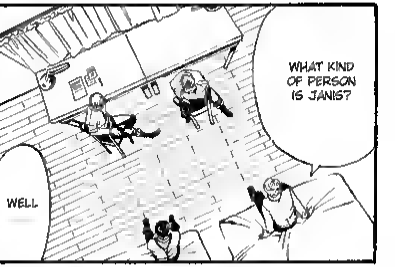
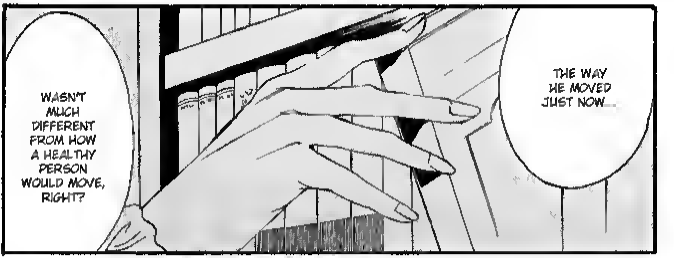

WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS JANIS?
WELL...


THE WAY HE MOVED JUST NOW...
WASN'T MUCH DIFFERENT FROM HOW A HEALTHY PERSON WOULD MOVE, RIGHT?

ARE ALL TOP QUALITY PROSTHETICS.
BUT HIS RIGHT HAND AND LEGS BELOW HIS KNEECAPS ...

IT'S JUST A GUESS BUT...
MOVEABLE PROSTHETICS ARE NOT ONLY EXPENSIVE BUT ALSO HARD TO MAINTAIN
!?
HE SEEMS TO HAVE LOST HIS LIMBS FROM A SEVERE ACCIDENT WHEN HE WAS A CHILD

...FOR INSTANCE?
Movable prosthetics ..
I'VE DUG AROUND FOR SO LONG, AND YET I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING. HE MIGHT BE...
A NORMAL FAMILY COULDN'T AFFORD TO UPKEEP AND REPLACE PROSTHETICS FOR A GROWING BOY, RIGHT?

SOMEONE WITH POWER...
IN THE BLACK MARKET.
tap
.....

CHECK

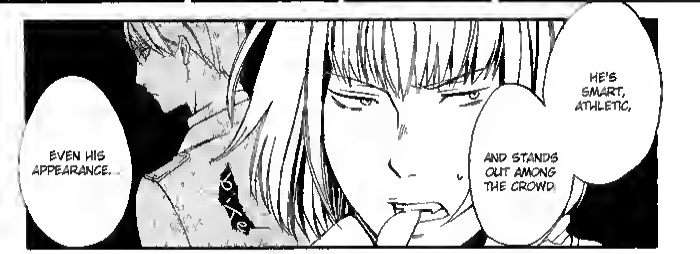
MY ROOMMATE HAD SOME FRIENDS OVER.
SO I'LL STAY HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.
OH, DIDN'T YOU GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM, JAN?

HEH.
Did you cheat?
WHAT!? IT WAS GOING SO WELL FOR ME, TOO.

OH?

ROOMMATE... THAT NICOLAS GUY FROM ELFENBEIN?
THAT'S RIGHT.

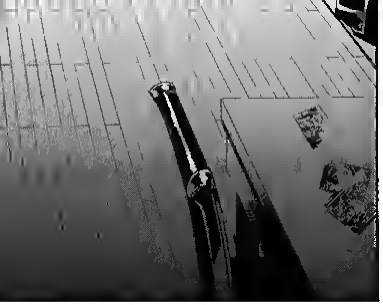
tap
tap
...SO IT WOULD SEEM.
tap
THAT NICOLAS GUY IS PRETTY CLOSE TO FORTINBRAS, ISN'T HE?
hm.
HEY, JAN

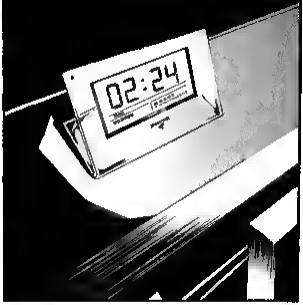

EVEN HIS APPEARANCE...
sigh
AND STANDS OUT AMONG THE CROWD.
HE'S SMART, athletic,

HE MUST HAVE A WEAKNESS SOMEWHERE
YOU CAN USE NICOLAS TO EXPOSE AT LEAST ONE OF HIS WEAKNESSES, RIGHT?

flip
WELL...
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
YEAH!
I'm counting on you!
OH, AND...
ARGH!
That's unfair!
ANDREW, I BELIEVE THAT'S CHECKMATE
Fortinbras, is it...?
JUST WAIT AND SEE FORTINBRAS!
BANG

I'll definitely get you thrown out of school!





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Why would...

Someone who works behind the scenes on the island be in a military school...?

……

CAN'T SLEEP?
grin
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP... I JUST CAN'T.
!
THEN SHOULD I TELL YOU A STORY?
...SORRY. DID I WAKE YOU?
NAH I JUST HAPPENED TO WAKE UP...

TRY LYING DOWN YOU'LL FALL ASLEEP EVENTUALLY
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
THAT WAS ONLY WHEN I WAS A CHILD
WOULDN'T YOUR MOM READ YOU STORIES WHEN YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?
He always says such strange things.
STORY!?
THEN LET ME TELL YOU A STORY
THIS IS A STORY ABOUT A MAN WHO LOST HIS WAY IN AN UNFAMILIAR COUNTRY.
.....
DO WHAT YOU WANT.
And besides, isn't that you?
BUT HE DECIDED TO VIEW THIS ACCIDENT AS A FUN PART OF HIS TRAVELS

growls
THEN HE STARTED GETTING ANXIOUS AFTER WATCHING THE CONFUSED LADY, AND UN-CONSCIOUSLY
ANYWAY HE GOT HUNGRY AND DECIDED TO ASK FOR DIRECTIONS, BUT REALIZED HE COULDN'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE AT ALL
Roar

SOMEHOW, HE WAS ABLE TO FIND HIS WAY JUST BY GESTURING
HER CLUB SANDWICH WAS DELICIOUS
WHAT A WEIRD GUY
REALLY

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To our founder and little dictator, Kinky.
Happy Birthday!

chatter
chatter
chatter
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN THE EXAM RESULTS YET?
YEAH, I SAW THEM.
THE RANKINGS AREN'T ALL THAT DIFFERENT FROM USUAL
Name
1 Fon F Littenber 1000
997
Janis Reno 989
Nicolas Roden 975
4 Robert Nielsen 941
5 Mikael Christense 933
6 Tim
7 Sh 928
AS EXPECTED OF FORTINBRAS
OH IS THAT A HOBBY OF HIS?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
HE'S...
I HEARD HE'S GOOD AT HORSEBACK RIDING, TOO
3.

clack
Wow~
Jump
STILL JUST A BEGINNER.
What!?
I GUESS...
HE'S JUST ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL THAN US.
第3話
Chapter 3

Hmph!
WHAT BEGINNER!? FORTINBRAS...
WE COMMONERS SHOULD STICK TO DOING THINGS AT A NORMAL PACE.
HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE'S DOING! HE MUST'VE BEEN LYING ABOUT BEING A BEGINNER TO DRAW ATTENTION!
trot trot
...YOU THINK?
AND BESIDES, I CAN'T BELIEVE JAN RANKED SECOND!
swap swap
Hm?
WHAT RANK WAS ANDREW AGAIN ?
I STUDIED HARD FOR THAT EXAM, TOO

ANYWAY... WE HAVE TO BEAT HIM SOUNDLY IN THE HORSE-BACK RIDING COMPETITION.
WE HAVE TO ENTER WITH FOUR PER GROUP, SO YOU GUYS BETTER NOT SLACK OFF!
Andrew!
clap clap
AH...
BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE GOING UP AGAINST FORTINBRAS'S TEAM.
!
tch tch
he he...
WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
treasure house
of connections
I'M ANDREW...
KRISTOFFERSON, YOU KNOW?
.....

Clop
I'M AFRAID THEY'RE HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE RIDING COMPETITION BETWEEN THE PLATINS AND THE ELFENBEINS
OH
So much for GHOUL YOU KNOW
THIS IS THE ELFENBEINS' PRACTICE GROUND
I HOPE THEY'RE NOT PLANNING SOMETHING WEIRD.
WHAT ARE THOSE GUYS DOING?
Snap
Hey, Mr. ranked third in the exam, Nicolas
WILL THIS TEAM REALLY BE OKAY...?
EH?
BUT THIRD IS AMAZING ENOUGH, ISN'T IT?
Are you trying to piss me off, Cruiva!?

* Kuro actually means "black" in Japanese, while "shiro" means white. Jake has the two mixed up.
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
irritated
YOUR HORSE IS BLACK, SO HOW ABOUT CALLING IT "SHIRO"?
OH...
MY WHITE HORSE IS CALLED "KURO," WHICH MEANS "WHITE" IN AN EASTERN LANGUAGE."
HAVE YOU DECIDED ON A NAME FOR YOUR HORSE YET, FON?
clop?
clop
NOT YET... WHAT ABOUT YOU?
THOSE GUYS WERE MAKING ALL SORTS OF EXCUSES EARLIER, BUT THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD RIDERS,
AREN'T THEY, GEORGE?
neigh
ha ha
!?
I...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, NICOLAS?
WHAT DID YOU NAME YOUR HORSE?
D
M'G

gallop
gallop
Let's go.
Ashur-banipal the Second!*
gallop
gallop
gallop
pull
I WON'T LOSE TO YOU IN RIDING
!
*Ashur-banipal: the last great king of the Neo-Assyrian Empire.
WHAT WAS THAT?
Ashur ?
.....
I WONDER IF NICOLAS REALIZES...
clop

THAT THOSE PLATING ARE THE ENEMY, NOT FON
WELL WITH THE WAY HE'S PRACTICING IT SHOULD BE FINE
GEEZ, CALM DOWN!
STOP STRUGGLING ALREADY!
IT ISN'T LISTENING TO ME AT ALL,
DAMN HORSE!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

What...
IT'S A COMPLETE WASTE OF TIME RIDING THIS KIND OF UNMODIFIED HORSE!
clop
IF I KNEW IT'D BE LIKE THIS, I WOULD'VE CHOSEN A MODIFIED HORSE WITH A HUMAN-LIKE INTELLIGENCE
clop
YEAH. ITS INTELLIGENCE SHOULD AT LEAST BE ON THE SAME LEVEL AS OURS
Are they saying?
clop
I HEAR THE PLATNS GET SPECIAL TREATMENT HERE
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED THE SCHOOL IS POOR, YOU KNOW
Ah, I guess you're right.

ha
ha
ha
LET'S GET SOMEONE TO BUY ONE ON THE BLACK MARKET.
.....
click
WHAT'S WITH THOSE GUYS?
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR, EVEN FOR A JOKE
I'M...
GOING BACK TO THE STABLE FIRST
FON...

HE REALLY IS A CLEAN FREAK, ISN'T HE?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ONLY REASON
NO...

brush
THOSE GUYS WERE TERRIBLE
BLAMING IT ON THE HORSE
brush
If I knew it'd be like this, I would've chosen a modified horse with a human-like intelligence
brush
brush
brush
brush
shift
SHIRO...
!
THOSE PEOPLE WOULD BE THE REAL FOOLS
EVEN IF THEY POSSESSED THE SAME RATIONAL SKILLS AS HUMANS, THEY STILL WOULDN'T OBEY THOSE GUYS
AN ANIMAL'S ORIGINAL FORM IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
.....

PEOPLE WHO AREN'T AS TALENTED FEEL A NEED TO PIN THE BLAME ON SOMEONE OR SOMETHING ELSE
angry
BUT
YOU ONLY THINK THAT WAY BECAUSE YOU CAN DO ALMOST EVERYTHING
There there
I ALSO THINK THAT ANIMALS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN GENETICALLY MODIFIED ARE MORE BEAUTIFUL
IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAN'T UNDERSTAND THEM THAT YOU TRY SO HARD TO DO SO
ISN'T THAT PERSEVERANCE KINDNESS AS WELL?

MY LATE GRAND-FATHER ALWAYS SAID THIS
WHEN YOU FINALLY ATTAIN SOMETHING YOU'VE TRIED SO HARD TO GET YOU'LL FORGET ALL THE HARD-SHIPS YOU ENDURED IN THE PROCESS
THEN WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER SOMETHING DISSATISFACTORY YOU IMMEDIATELY WANT IT REMOVED. PEOPLE THESE DAYS LACK PATIENCE
They don't even consider trying to work towards a goal themselves.
Especially the people on this island. They mistakenly believe that money will solve all their problems.
JUST LIKE THOSE GUYS, HUH...?
THEY BLAME THE HORSES FOR THEIR OWN LACK OF ABILITY, AND IMMEDIATELY THINK OF MODIFYING IT.

DOING THINGS HOWEVER THEY SEE FIT, DESTROYING MOUNTAINS IN FRONT OF THEM BEFORE EVEN TRYING TO CLIMB THEM.
IF THEY KEEP DOING THAT, THEN THEY WON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO HANDLE SMALL PROBLEMS
THIS IS THE REGRESSION OF HUMANKIND
I LEARNED THAT FROM MY GRAND-FATHER
I DON'T KNOW, BUT
AS LONG AS PEOPLE KEEP LIVING COMFORTABLY, THEY'LL GRADUALLY FORGET HOW TO BE TOLERANT
I WONDER
WHICH IS BETTER...?
THAT'S WHY I LEFT THE ISLAND TO LIVE UNDERSTANDING HARDSHIP
world of perfec-tion...
And a world you open to yourself.

ONCE AFTER A TAXI RIDE, I GOT INTO A FIGHT WITH THE DRIVER FOR OVER-CHARGING THE RIDE
BUT A NICE GENTLEMAN NEARBY PAID FOR ME WITH A CHECK. I WAS REALLY GRATEFUL.
THEN, WHEN MY WALLET WAS STOLEN, I HAD TO LIVE WITHOUT EVEN BEING ABLE TO DRINK WATER. A VERY KIND LADY TREATED ME TO FOOD...
.....
YOU'VE EXPERIENCED A LOT, HAVEN'T YOU?
YEAH.
AND BECAUSE OF IT, I'VE ACCUMULATED A LOT OF EXPERIENCES.
YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE FEELING OF MEETING SOMEONE GENEROUS IF YOU DON'T KNOW HARDSHIP IN THE FIRST PLACE
Jake...
ISN'T THAT A PITY?

KIND OF LIKE THAT CLUB SANDWICH?
YEAH
WHEN I WAS IN DANGER, I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD
THAT THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR HUMANKIND
IS THAT SO
I'VE NEVER LEFT THE ISLAND BEFORE, SO I DON'T UNDERSTAND
.....

BUT LOOKING AT THIS ISLAND...
Only makes me hate humans more and more.

BUT...
I CAN'T
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING ILEGENES
THEN DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL WITH ME?
WITH YOU?
YEAH.
AFTER WE GRADUATE, OR EVEN AFTER WE SETTLE DOWN SOMEWHERE.
TRAVELING... MIGHT NOT BE SO B
RIGHT? IT'LL BE FUN.

I have such deep hatred for this cruel island, but even so...
If I take even one step off this island,
I fear that I'll die...
Why do I feel this way?
FON...

ARE YOU THINKING OF A PLAN, ANDREW?
EVEN IF YOU WIN THIS COMPETITION, HE'S STILL SKILLED.
IT'LL STILL BE...
I do have a plan.
Just what...
Is torturing you like this...?

.....
I DON'T PLAN ON LOSING TO HIM.
SO JUST IN CASE...
HUEY.
rustle
smirk
Spare me a moment, will you?

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To our founder and little dictator, Kinky.
Happy Birthday!

Looking at this island
Only makes me distrust humans more and more
Does that guy...
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHY HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING COMPARED TO HIS ADOPTIVE FATHER...
hate the island?
rush
rush
.....

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I can understand why Fon hates it
The island's underground society
DRUG
Every day, illegal, specially designed clones are created or destroyed on a whim.
is called the dark underbelly of international society.
I know firsthand that those outside the island
do not think highly of it.
IT LOOKS LIKE THE FEATHERS OF A MALE PEACOCK HAVE BEEN GRAFTED ONTO THE FEMALE BIOFIGURE.
YEAH.
THE WORK OF THE UPPER-CLASSMEN, HUH?
WOW...
IT'S SO PRETTY!

SINCE IT ALREADY HAS PEACOCK FEATHERS IT'D BE NICE IF IT HAD PEACOCK EYES, TOO.
WHY AMETHYST-COLORED?
I HAD NO CHOICE
WITH OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET PEACOCK-COLORED EYES
HEY, HEY, YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOUR PET.
BLACK HAIR IS PRETTIER THAN BLONDE SO THAT'S WHAT I CHOSE.
COST ME QUITE A BIT.
clink
.....
BUT WHEN TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES I CAN JUST HAVE A NEW ONE MADE

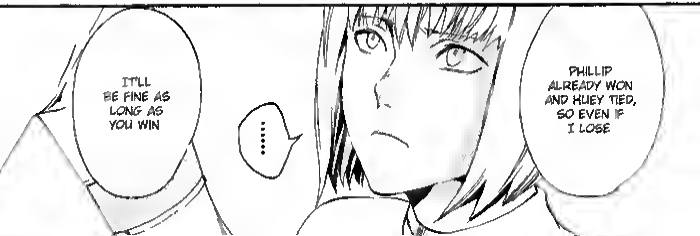
PET?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
TAP
SHE'S A COLLECTIBLE.
But what can we do?
TAP
I UNDERSTAND THAT
There's no way this should be all right.

glance
!
JAKE
OH... FON
WHAT ARE YOU DOING LAZING AROUND HERE?
HURRY BACK TO THE RIDING GROUNDS.
grab
IT'S NOT MY TURN TO GO UP YET, IS IT?
!
OUR RIDING COMPETITION WITH THE PLATINS HAS ALREADY STARTED!
IF YOU DON'T COME BACK BEFORE CRUDUP FINISHES,
The peacock eyes that no man can create...

THEY'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL...
cheer
cheer
cheer
All brawn and no brains.
HE LOST TO PHILLIP WARREN
chatter
YOU'RE LATE, JAQUES! HURRY UP AND GET READY!
SORRY...
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE NICOLAS IS ANGRY?
whisper
IT'S BECAUSE HE LOST

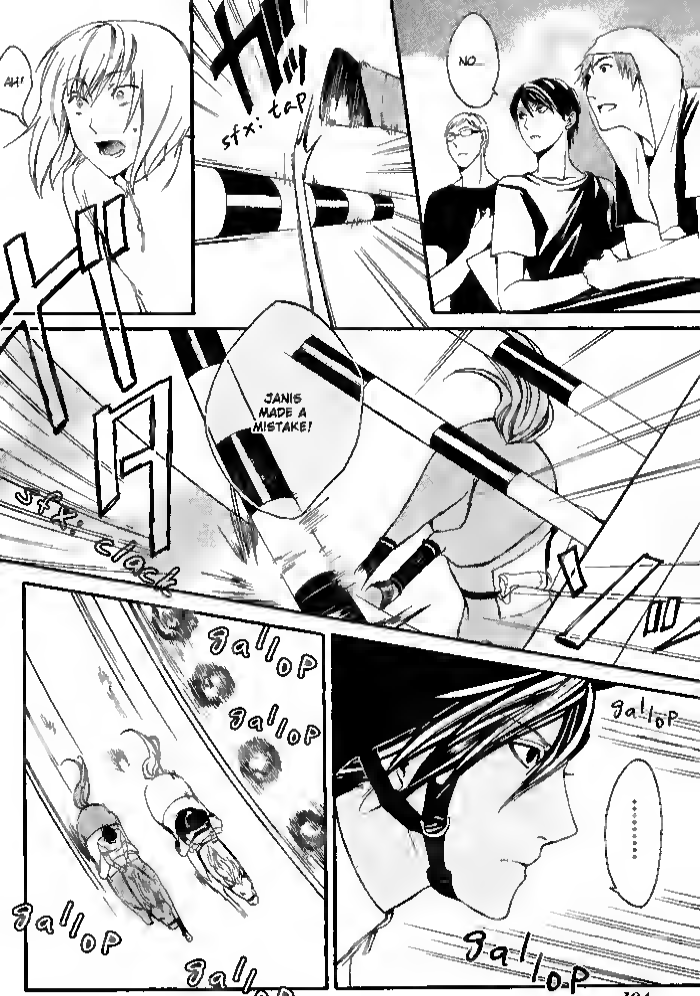
WHO'S MY OPPONENT?
!
THAT MEANS FON'S OPPONENT IS—
IT'S JANIS RENO CRUDUP AND HUEY CAME OUT IN A TIE
ANDREW

JAN, WILL THIS HORSE BE OKAY?
THE RULES SAY IT'S OKAY TO USE A HORSE WITH MODIFIED INTELLIGENCE YOU KNOW.
NO, THIS ONE IS FINE.
MY OPPONENT ISN'T RIDING A MODIFIED HORSE EITHER.
...BESIDES,


PHILLIP ALREADY WON AND HUEY TIED, SO EVEN IF I LOSE
.....
IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS YOU WIN

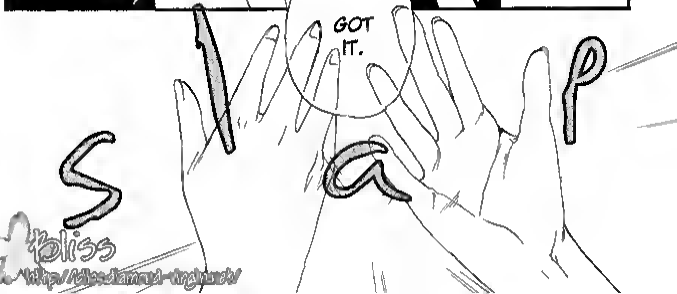
HEY
YOU'RE MY OPPONENT RIGHT?
YOU HAVE A GOOD HORSE THERE
GO EASY ON ME, OKAY?
EVEN SO,
dash

gallop
gallop
gallop
A TOTAL OF 20 GROUPS SIGNED UP. HOW DID WE END UP AGAINST ANDREW'S TEAM?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED. IT WAS DECIDED BY LOTTERY.
BUT STILL... ISN'T THIS TOO MUCH OF A COINCIDENCE?
gallop
MY GUESS IS THAT ANDREW SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED TO GO UP AGAINST FORTINBRAS
THOSE TWO AREN'T YIELDING IN EITHER TURNS OR JUMPS WHAT AN AMAZING RACE.


AH!
sfx: tap
NO...
JANIS MADE A MISTAKE!
sfx: clack
gallop
gallop
gallop
gallop
gallop
.....
gallop

.....
gallop
gallop
gallop
Goal!
Sorry Andrew.
Two second penalty for Janie Reno.
sfx: cheer
The winner is Jacques Berne!

ANDREW WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO COME OUT ON TOP.
THE SCORE RIGHT NOW IS 1-1 WITH ONE TIE.
AS LONG AS THE OPPONENT DOESN'T USE A MODIFIED HORSE, THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.



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SFX: clear
7
7
7

ANDREW IS PRETTY SHORT HUH?
BUT THAT'S AN ADVANTAGE IN HORSE RIDING
hmph
HE'S STILL SO CALM
.....

sfx: gallop
gallop
gallop
gallop

gallop
ANDREW IS PRETTY GOOD.
Oh
IT SEEMS THAT THERE IS A RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ONE'S BODY TYPE AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAN FULLY BRING OUT THE HORSE'S SPEED
gallop
FON'S STEADFASTNESS IS PRETTY AMAZING, TOO!
HEY, FORTINBRAS!
!
GOOD RUN, SHIRO

I COULDN'T TELL AT ALL THAT YOU'RE A BEGINNER AT HORSE-RIDING
WE'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY WELL-MATCHED
.....
DID YOU BURY A CHIP IN THAT HORSE'S BRAIN!?
YOU SHOULDN'T TALK TOO MUCH WHILE RIDING YOU MIGHT BITE YOUR TONGUE.
WHAT!?
gallop
OH! FON IS IN THE LEAD!

ALWAYS TREATING ME LIKE AN IDIOT
YOU JUST WATCH!
shift
.....
HMP
gallop
gallop
WHAT THE ?

gallop
gallop
glint
waver
click
fire shoot
glint
WATCH CAREFULLY, FORTINBRAS
!?
!

sfx: pull
sfx: pull
sfx: pull
Shiro!?
Damn it...

YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT!?
jump
Fon!?
SIDE
SOMEONE, GET A STRETCHER!
HANG IN THERE, FON! CAN YOU HEAR ME!?
JA.
KE
SHIRO WAS SUR-PRISED ALL OF A SUDDEN
He's still conscious.
phew

HEY, YOU!
shock
What happened...
shock
Could it be
that was.
THAT BAS-TARD!
hide
DON'T PLAY DUMB I SAW IT!
shake
THE INSTRUCTOR TOLD ME TO BRING IT WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
W-WHAT? IT'S JUST A LASER POINTER
WHAT IS THIS THING FOR?
AH!
grab

I SAW YOU POINT THIS THING AT FON'S HORSE!
WHAT
IS THAT TRUE?
HEY YOU...
.....
chatter
SINCE YOU'RE SO SURE ABOUT IT,
YOU MUST HAVE...

PROOF THAT I USED IT, RIGHT?
...
Proof!?
I
YOU DON'T?

.....
IF YOU USE THAT KIND OF BRUTE STRENGTH, YOU'LL LEAVE A BRUISE.
THEN HURRY UP AND LET GO.
I'M FRAGILE, YOU KNOW.
YOU BRUTE...
grab
YOU...!
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?
Trying to be cool
JUST LOOK
?
YOU.
REALLY DON'T FEEL ANYTHING, DO YOU?

HEY, JAKE. WHAT YOU SAID JUST NOW
IT'S TRUE
BUT LIKE HE SAID I DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF
PROOF? WHAT THE HELL DO YOU NEED THAT FOR!?
clop
Heh
AH...

HE MUST HAVE BEEN MISTREATING HIS HORSE THAT'S WHY IT HAPPENED

WHAT?
I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO WARRANT THAT KIND OF LOOK FROM YOU.
DON'T BLAME
YOUR OWN NEGLIGENCE ON OTHERS

YOU...
HIGH...
Those guys...

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AH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, FON!?
?
I WAS BORED SO I WANTED TO GET A BOOK TO READ
YOU FRACTURED A RIB, YOU KNOW?
JUST LAY BACK AND REST! YOU CAN ASK ME TO GET IT FOR YOU
tap
.....
OH, IF YOU GET BORED, YOU CAN LOOK OVER THE NOTES I MADE FOR THE CLASSES YOU MISSED

J-JAKE! I CAN AT LEAST EAT BY MYSELF!
I KNOW YOU WANT TO DO EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO DEPEND ON OTHERS ONCE IN A WHILE, ISN'T IT?
HAVE SOME SOUP FIRST. IT'S STILL HOT. SO BE CAREFUL.
OKAY. THANKS
I've never seen him take notes before.
Shock
NO WONDER NO ONE ANSWERED WHEN I KNOCKED.
Come on open wide
YOU'RE AN ONLY CHILD AREN'T YOU? JUST THINK OF ME AS YOUR BROTHER AND I'M SPOILING YOU
BUT... THIS IS...
NICOLAS.
I KNOCKED. BUT NO ONE ANSWERED, SO I LET MYSELF IN.
DON'T FORCE THE PATIENT, JACQUES.

I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU
grab
FORTINBRAS
OH
HOW RARE FOR YOU TO COME TO OUR ROOM.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT THE CLASS NOTES, SO I MADE PHOTOCOPIES OF MINE
IT INCLUDES ALL THE CLASSES YOU'VE MISSED
OF COURSE MY DICTION IS FLAWLESS THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO NEED FOR A DICTIONARY
tap
OH, CLASS NOTES?
I'VE ALREADY MADE A COPY FOR HIM.
twitch

OH YEAH IT'S MY TURN TO CLEAN TODAY
FON, AFTER YOU FINISH, JUST LEAVE THE TRAY BY THE BED I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT WHEN I GET BACK
OKAY
……

OH,
THAT'S RIGHT

SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE JAKE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

NO, I ONLY NEED TO TAKE IT AFTER DINNER IT'S ALRIGHT

DO YOU NEED TO TAKE YOUR MEDICINE AFTER A MEAL?

push
.....
.....
Sip
OKAY
shut
I SUGGEST YOU DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT GUY
!

clack
YOU'RE DEGRADING YOURSELF BY BEING WITH SUCH A CARELESS GUY
IT'S A SHAME GIVEN YOUR PERFECT GRADES
MY NOTES ARE MORE DETAILED IT'S ENOUGH TO REVIEW MINE
JACQUES'S NOTES ARE PROBABLY...
HE'S NOT A BAD PERSON
It's true,
I thought he was a careless guy in the beginning...

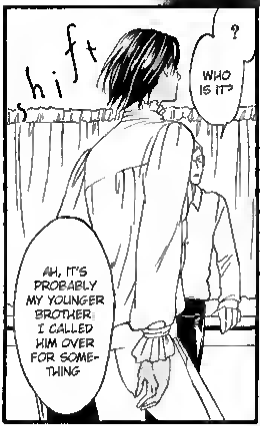
I
clench
THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE NOTES BUT I'LL BE FINE JUST USING JAKE'S
I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO A UNIVERSITY OUTSIDE THIS ISLAND BUT AFTER MY PARENTS DIED, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO COME HERE FOR THE SAKE OF MY YOUNGER BROTHERS! IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE I GOT MONEY TO COME!
BUT HE— HE WANDERED AROUND FOR THREE YEARS OUTSIDE THE ISLAND AND THEN SAID SOMETHING LIKE "I MIGHT AS WELL HANG OUT HERE?"
SEEING SUCH A LOOSE AIR-HEADED GUY PISSES ME OFF!
!

DON'T BADMOUTH HIM!
HE HAS A LOT ON MIND MIND, TOO
.....
HE'S ACTUALLY SIDING WITH HIM
glare
.....

NOTE BOOK
.....
ZAP bang
WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME?
Something is definitely wrong with Fortwbras!
HE SHOULD CHANGE ROOM-MATES...
shake shake
THAT GUY'S BAD INFLUENCE WILL AFFECT HIS FUTURE!
PROFESSOR LITTENBER'S ADOPTED SON AGAIN, HUH?
s.gh
EVERY-ONE IS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THAT GUY

NICOLAS... YOU REALLY SEEM TO BE DESPERATE
I AM NOT
ISN'T IT A GOOD THING FOR YOU IF FORTINBRAS'S GRADES SLIP?
EVEN IF HIS GRADES SLIP, YOU STILL RANKED SECOND
.....
HAHA... FORTINBRAS IS A TROUBLING GUY, ISN'T HE?
gloom
IT'S RUMORED THAT,
HIS MEMORY IS FAR SUPERIOR TO OTHERS'. HE CAN REMEMBER ANYTHING AFTER JUST ONE LOOK
THERE'S SIMPLY NO ONE AROUND HERE WHO CAN RIVAL HIM

WHO KNOWS...
THIS IS ILEGENES AFTER ALL
NOTHING HERE CAN BE CONSIDERED SURPRISING ANYMORE
I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE
I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT HE MIGHT HAVE MODIFIED HIS BRAIN
HIS FATHER...


shift
?
WHO IS IT?
AH, IT'S PROBABLY MY YOUNGER BROTHER. I CALLED HIM OVER FOR SOMETHING

.....
DO YOU DOUBT HIM?

knock
knock
!!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS

cl.
ick
YOUNGER BROTHER...?
I THOUGHT HE ONLY HAD AN OLDER BROTHER...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, BROTHER
YEAH. I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME. DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TRIP?
JANIS... YOU'RE A PRETTY MYSTERIOUS GUY YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
AH, NICOLAS-SAN. MY BROTHER'S ROOMMATE, CORRECT?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU FROM MY BROTHER BEFORE.

NICE TO MEET YOU
Shooting Range
FON!? HEY, IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO BE WALKING AROUND?
DON'T YOU HAVE A BROKEN RIB...?
HUH!?
THE X-RAY SAYS THE RIB'S HEALED.
That's what the doctor said, too
That's impossible.

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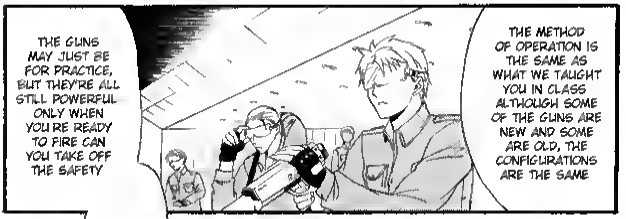
ALRIGHT, WE'LL BE HANDING OUT PRACTICE LASER GUNS USED FOR TRAINING.
YOU'LL BE CALLED BY NUMBER. PLEASE COME L AND GET ONE WHEN YOU HEAR YOURS.
AS EXPECTED, MOST OF THEM RE OLD.
S hift
FON
HEAVY...
IT WILL BE DIFFICULT JUST AIMING WITH THIS
I get a heavier model
EVEN IF YOUR RIB HAS HEALED THAT'S STILL TOO HEAVY FOR YOU, ISN'T IT? LET'S SWITCH
...JAKE, WON'T IT BE HEAVY FOR YOU, TOO?
.....
S hift?

sfx Pull

EVERYONE LINE UP ACCORDING TO YOUR NUMBER AT EACH LANE AND GET READY
I HAVE TO DO MORE WEIGHT TRAINING AFTER I'VE COMPLETELY HEALED

clench
.....


THE GUNS MAY JUST BE FOR PRACTICE, BUT THEY'RE ALL STILL POWERFUL ONLY WHEN YOU'RE READY TO FIRE CAN YOU TAKE OFF THE SAFETY
THE METHOD OF OPERATION IS THE SAME AS WHAT WE TAUGHT YOU IN CLASS ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE GUNS ARE NEW AND SOME ARE OLD, THE CONFIGURATIONS ARE THE SAME

THEN LET'S BEGIN
click
THIS REALLY IS HEAVY

yawn
tsk
tsk
screech
turn
HM? WHAT IS IT, FON?
What is that noise?
Even though it's faint...
This high-pitched sound is different from the sound of a gun reloading

I have a bad feeling about this.
Where is it coming from...?
!!
It's from that gun...!

Jake! Drop that gun!
HUH?
.....!
GRAB
grab

!?
……
SFX: KABOOM

dash
clatter
snap
ARE YOU TWO ALRIGHT? ARE YOU HURT!?
ARE YOU ALRIGHT, JAKE?
WHAT WAS THAT ...?

I CLEARLY HEARD A STRANGE SOUND.
A STRANGE, SHRILL NOISE.
...?
clatter

A STRANGE SOUND...?
I WAS STANDING PRETTY CLOSE TO HIM, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR...
DID YOU HEAR ANYTHING?
What is everyone saying...?
.....

JAKE, YOU HEARD IT RIGHT? SINCE IT CAME FROM YOUR GUN...
NO I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING EITHER...
HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? HOW COULD YOU NOT HAVE HEARD SUCH AN OBVIOUS NOISE!?
I REALLY DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING FON
turn
I DIDN'T HEAR IT
ME NEITHER
IT'S HARD TO EVEN HEAR THE PERSON NEXT TO YOU RELOADING
Was I the only one who heard it...?
Why only me...

!!!
MY NUMBER WAS ASSIGNED TO THAT GUN.
THE ONE WHO SHOULD'VE BEEN BLOWN TO PIECES... WAS ME
Phew...
BUT I WAS SAVED THANKS TO FON. MY HEAD WAS NEARLY BLOWN TO PIECES
WAS IT A MECHA-NICAL ERROR?
clench
...NO. JAKE THIS WAS ORIGINALLY MY GUN.
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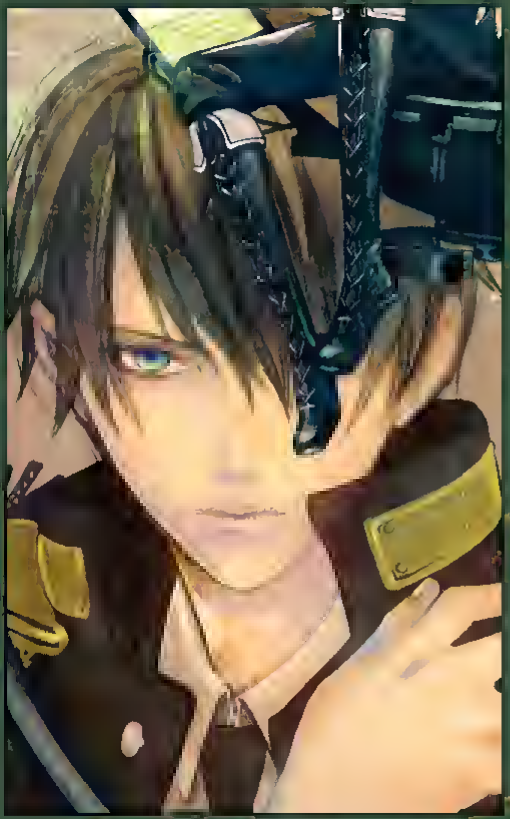
...If I had pushed him aside a second later, Jake would have...!
THE MAINTENANCE PEOPLE LOCKED THE GUNS OVER BEFORE CLASS STARTED
THEN...
If I hadn't heard that weird sound...
...THIS EXPLOSION WASN'T A SIMPLE MECHANICAL ERROR
There's no way.
Could it have been...!?



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step
step
How did this happen?
The guns were thoroughly checked, weren't they?
step
Yes. they were put in the armory right afterwards
WELL THIS IS A REAL MESS SOMETHING MUST HAVE CAUSED IT
UM.. INSTRUC-TOR? THE TRUTH IS I SAW THIS FROM A DISTANCE, BUT...
I SAW SOME-THING
I SAW SOMEONE GO INTO THE ARMORY AFTER THE MAINTENANCE CHECK
.....
step
step

chatter
chatter
That bastard...

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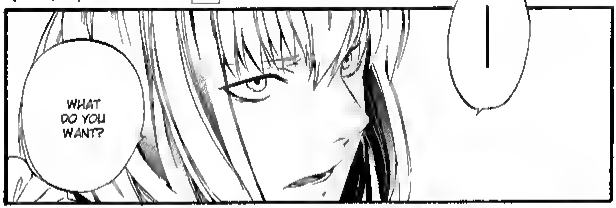
HM?
...AH! ANDREW!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

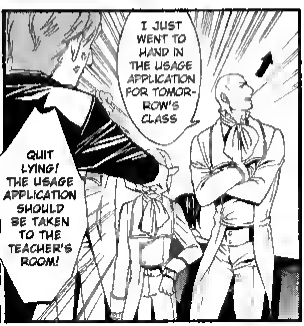

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DON'T ACT DUMB
tbwn!
tbwn!

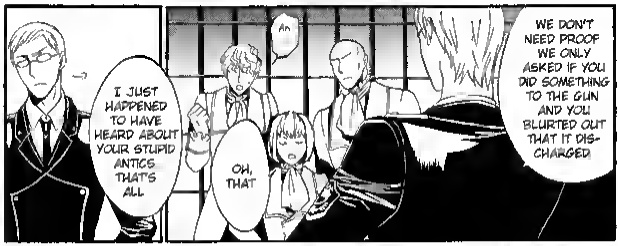
YOU MESSED WITH MY LASER GUN, DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

DURING THE BREAK SOMEONE SAW PHILLIP ENTER THE ARMORY, WHICH IS FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY.
stare

IT WAS BECAUSE OF THEIR NEGLIGENCE THAT THIS HAPPENED!
DON'T BLAME EVERYTHING ON US. THE ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE WAS BECAUSE OF BAD MAINTENANCE, WASN'T IT?


I JUST WENT TO HAND IN THE USAGE APPLICATION FOR TOMORROW'S CLASS.
QUIT LYING! THE USAGE APPLICATION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO THE TEACHER'S ROOM!

THE REASON IT DISCHARGED WAS BECAUSE AFTER MAINTENANCE SOMEONE LOOSENED THE BARREL
AND THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF DOING THAT AFTER A GUN HAS BEEN CHECKED OVER IS PHILLIP
OH?
heh
SO YOU'RE TRYING TO BLAME US? DO YOU HAVE PROOF?


WE DON'T NEED PROOF WE ONLY ASKED IF YOU DID SOMETHING TO THE GUN AND YOU BLURTED OUT THAT IT DISCHARGED
OH, THAT
I JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR STUPID ANTICS THAT'S ALL

EVEN IF YOU'RE TRYING TO PESTER US, THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT. TREATING US LIKE CRIMINALS—
IF PHILLIP IS PROVEN INNOCENT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO THEN?

IF I HADN'T NOTICED THE STRANGE NOISE, YOU GUYS WOULD HAVE...
BECOME MURDERERS!
IT'S AS JAKE SAYS.
IF YOU WANT TO BE JEALOUS OF FON, GO AHEAD AND DO WHATEVER YOU WANT. BUT THIS KIND OF PRANK IS TOO MUCH.
ARE YOU PREPARED TO SETTLE THIS MATTER WITH ME?
IF WE'D BEEN ANY SLOWER, SOMEONE COULD'VE DIED, YOU KNOW!?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE THE ONES PLAYING AROUND HERE!

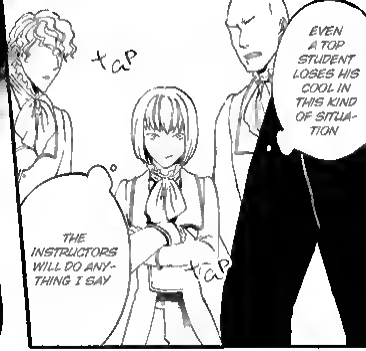
YOU'RE CALLING US MURDERERS!? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
WHAT? YOU WANT TO FIGHT!?
Alright
wait a minute

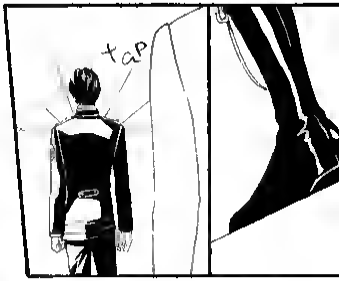
FIGHTING IS AGAINST MY MORALS
PHILLIP WAS ALSO WRONG FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT MADE YOU MISUNDERSTAND
AS FOR THE TRUTH, LET'S LEAVE IT TO THE INSTRUCTORS TO FIND OUT
WE WON'T RUN OR HIDE
BASTARD STILL PUTTING ON AIRS !?

OH YES, THAT'S RIGHT. FATHER SAID
ANYWAY, I'LL ALSO BE TELLING MY FATHER WHAT HAPPENED TODAY.
TO SAY HELLO TO YOUR FATHER.
HE'S JUST RELYING ON HIS CONNEC-TIONS
GENETIC SODOM-KUN.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

I mean that the Father of the Genetic Sodom...
Is none other than your Father!
...!
You bastard...
Oh did I say something I shouldn't have?

Fon!
YOU SHOULD JUST CHANGE YOUR NAME TO FON GENETIC SODOM
I UNDERSTAND WE'LL DO AS YOU SAY AND WAIT FOR THE INSTRUCTOR'S RESPONSE.
DON'T RESPOND TO HIS BAIT!





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I have to go give mom and dad a good-night kiss...

DAD
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
shock
Something's wrong.
IT'S ALREADY LATE, AND IT'S RUDE TO BRING THIS MANY PEOPLE OVER UNINVITED!
IF YOU'RE HERE TO THREATEN ME, IT WON'T WORK GO HOME
This dream is from four years ago...

click
DEAR!
GET OUT OF HERE!
No! Dad, mom!
WE'RE ACTING ON GOVERNMENT ORDERS WE DON'T PLAN ON LETTING YOU GET AWAY
YOUR ACTIONS HAVE BROUGHT US A MAJOR LOSS.
Run...!
bang
bang
bang
bang
bang

I DON'T KNOW WHO'S SUPPORTING THIS COUPLE BUT THEY HAVE GUTS TO GO UP AGAINST US
THE SON OF THIS FAMILY? HE'S PROBABLY 12 OR 13 YEARS OLD
.....?
Dad...
kick
SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HIM?
...NO.
Mom...

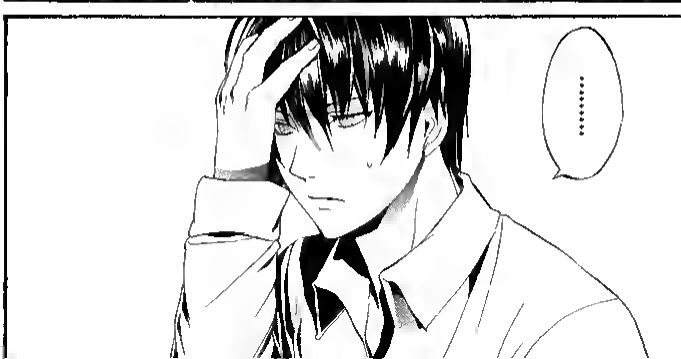
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
IF HE SEES OUR FACES A MERE CHILD WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY THING

AHHHH...
UGH
shock
FON!?
Snap
WHAT'S WRONG? FON!
AH...
AH...

Dad...
Mom...
shiver
shiver
shiver
Fon!
SHOCK

CALM DOWN!
BREATHE!
Jaik...?
huff
huff
!!
cough
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
UGH
SORRY... THE DESK MY INHALER IS IN THE DRAWER...
I can't breathe...
cough
cough
cough
cough

CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED?
DO YOU ALWAYS GET ATTACKS LIKE THAT?
HAA...
I
AN ASTHMA ATTACK?
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT...
FON, IF YOU DON'T MIND...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Fon..
!!!
Fon...
!!!
WHEN.
I WAS 13,

MY PARENTS...
WERE MURDERED BY PEOPLE FROM THE BLACK MARKET.

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桑原水菜の初SF作品、ついに単行本化！
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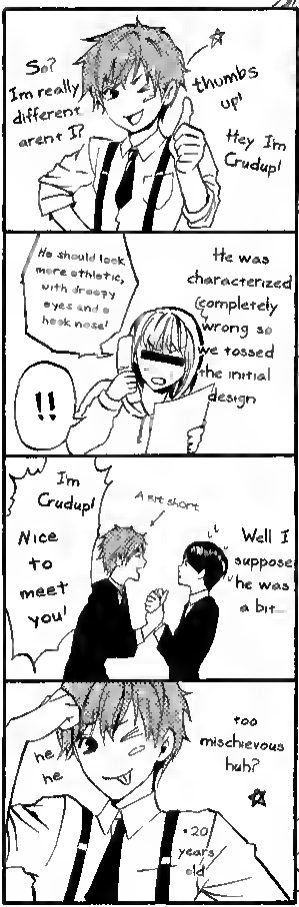
遺伝子操作によるクローン兵員が横行する島「イールゲネス」を舞台に
男たちの熱い戦いが始まる…
NOW ON SALE!
The Genetic Sodom ILEGENES

Rejected Crudup


So? Im really different aren't I?
thumbs up!
Hey Im Crudup!
He should look more athletic, with droopy eyes and a hook nose!
He was characterized completely wrong so we tossed the initial design
!!
Im Crudup!
Nice to meet you!
A bit short
Well I suppose he was a bit...
he he
too mischievous huh?
*20 years old

There's probably even more than that

アトガキ

初めまして、石橋カオルと申します。初の単行本、手に取ってくださりありがとうございます。しばり合おりでたが、こうして本になりまして嬉しく思います。王子様属性に弱い私はお兄ちゃんのような(いえ、ちおも上ですが)ジェイクさんが何かしてくれる度にドキドキしつつ、それをギリギリと見置るニコラスにワクワクしつつ、アンドリューのスパイシーなイタズラにハラハラしつつ、楽しく描かせて頂きました。今後もお話がどう転がっていくかか、私も楽しみです。愛をこめて描かせて頂きますので宜しくお願いします。

たまーに、ケシゴムかけと化、フォンの睫、クルダップの髪、ジャニスのお耳のトーンもやってくれたお姉ちゃん、ていけい!!

また次巻でお会いできたらと思います。よろしくお願いします—。

あとがき

こんにちは。原作者の桑原水菜です。
お手にとっていただき、ありがとうございます。
このお話は、イルゲネスというちょっとワケアリな島にある、ちょっと色んな部分がゆるゆるな軍学校を舞台にした物語です。
軍学校といえば、一に規律、二に規律、三四が無くて五に規律……のはずなんですが、イルゲネスの国立軍学校はゆるゆるです。ペット持ち込み可（いえ、一応寮則はあるんでしょうが、なんだか皆自由にやっています）、首相の息子がいばり放題、長い物には巻かれろ的な空気が蔓延した、はっきりいえば三流軍学校です。
そんな中現れた「（クルダップ曰く）掃き溜めに鶴」。フォンも最初みたときは「ホントにここ軍学校？」と首を傾げたかもしれません。しかも、ルームメートは軍人になるにはあまりに自由人なジェイクです。――このひと、ホントに軍人になる気あるのかな？　と私も時々思いますが、こんなゆるい軍だったから、ジェイクも「まいっか」くらいで入る気になったのでしょう。
そんなふたりですが、カチル先生から初めてキャラデザ案をいただいた時は、ちょっとのけぞりました。フォンが可愛いのは十七歳なので良しとして、ジェイク。想像以上に王子オーラを放っていて、眩しかったのです。
そんな二人と一緒にニコラスのキャラデザも来たのですが、担当さんが言いました。「ニ、ニコラスよりジェイクのほうが、脚、長ッ！」並べて見てみると、確かに。ニコラスのほうが若干背は高いのに、脚が……明らかにジェイクのほうが長い。
カチル先生は「全く意識してませんでしたぁ」とにこやかに仰ってましたが、無意識にそうさせてしまうニコラスというキャラが、哀れやら楽しいやら……。
そんなカンジで始まりましたコミック版イルゲネス。小説版の十三年前の話になります。フォンとジェイクたちの軌跡の始まりを、どうぞお楽しみください。

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